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In re application of

Hein WILLE et al.

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Group 3617

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METHOD OF SUPPLYING OIL FROM A FLOATING PRODUCTION STRUCTURE TO AN OFFLOADING BUOY VIA A THERMALLY INSULATED FLEXIBLE TRANSFER DUCT

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents November 16, 2007 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 16, 2007, for which the period for response has been extended one month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Appendix is attached following the signature page of this paper.